

COUNTRY 25

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REPORT NO.

Soviet Ordnance Parks and Repair Shops in

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Eastern Germany. 25X1

EVALUATION [REDACTED] NED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CON [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 15 August 1952

REFERENCES 25X1

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REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. On 22 May 1952, [REDACTED] numerous artillery pieces, including field guns, AT guns, AA guns and mortars, were parked in four large sheds of the cable plant in Fuersternwalde-Ketschendorf. [REDACTED] 25X1
- 25X1 [REDACTED] About 60 new trucks were parked in the yard of the former Asuko firm on Langewahler Chaussee where a motor vehicle spare parts depot was allegedly located. Both installations were operated by about 300 men. Sentries seen on 22 May wore artillery insignia.
- 25X1 2. On the afternoon of 13 May 1952, a train of 15 flatcars was seen at the Ketschendorf railroad stop. Twelve of the cars carried 8 small guns each, and 3 carried 6 larger guns each. Ten soldiers who accompanied the shipment drove to the Asuko firm on truck [REDACTED] and were followed by a prime mover towing an artillery piece.
- 25X1 3. On 23 May, weapons from the premises of the Asuko firm were brought to the Ketschendorf railroad stop and loaded there. At about 2 p.m., 6 flatcars with sideracks with 2x37-mm AA guns each, 1 flatcar with sideracks with a searchlight, and 4 boxcars stood at the loading ramp. About 3,000 ammunition boxes, 120 x 60 x 30 cm were seen in the factory area on 23 May. [REDACTED] 25X1
- 25X1 [REDACTED] the factory 25X1
- 25X1 [REDACTED] had been occupied by a Soviet unit at the beginning of May 1952. *
- 25X1 4. At the beginning of June, [REDACTED] about 25 officers and 150 EM from Rathenow post operated an ordnance shop on the premises of the former Arado plant near Rathenow. About 90 uniformed Soviet women cleaned weapons. At the time of observation, about 18 guns of various caliber and about 30 mortars were allegedly parked in the shop. All types of ammunition were continuously hauled to the Arado plant and the former Heeresverpflegungsamt. The ammunition for the first installation was brought directly to the plant by rail and that for the former Verpflegungsamt was brought by truck. **

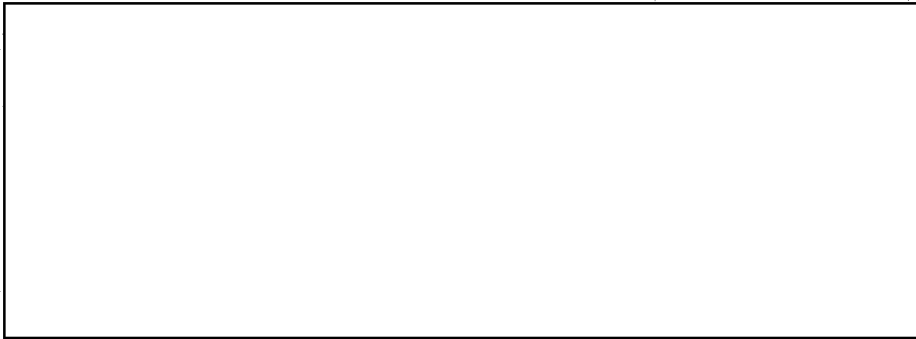
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
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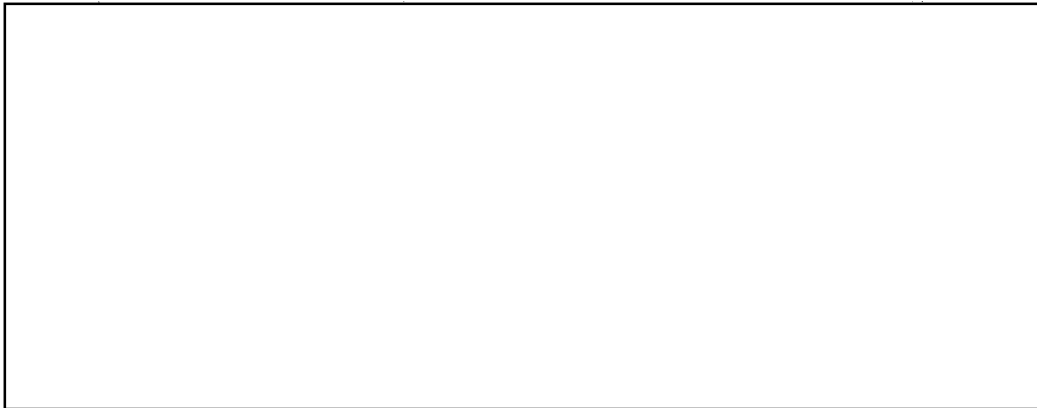
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6. In the evening of 31 May, a large rail shipment of guns from the ordnance shop at Strausberg left for an undetermined destination.  observed field howitzers of about 120-mm caliber and about 10 heavy AA guns. ***

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